

REMARKS

In parent application Serial No. 09/878,530 filed June 11, 2001, the drawings were objected to in the first Office Action mailed October 2, 2003. Applicants are submitting herewith corrected drawings which obviate inconsistencies and provide conformance with respect to the drawing figures. The specification has also been amended to conform.

An Information Disclosure Statement is also enclosed.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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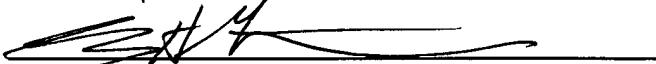


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